great quadrangle of Christchurch where the Public Orator declared the abundant 307 of the University After a short time the Queen entered the Cathedral Church under a canopy borne by four doctors, where the **Ie Deum* was sung and thanks-giving offered for her safe arrival

CONSTABLE'S * DIANA '

Mr Henry Constable hath sent to the press his *Diana,* eight decads of sonnets, dedicated in a sonnet by Mr Richard Smyth to * Her Sacred Majesty's honourable Maids '

zya September THE QUEEN AT OXFORD

Between two and three o'clock in the afternoon the Queen went to the Church of St Mary, riding in a rich carnage and attended by the nobility on horseback with foot cloths The Queen being placed under her cloth of estate upon a very fair stage, purposely erected for her in the east end of the church, a philosophy act was provided for her, which was begun on the word * *tnafiatis*' being uttered by her Whereupon the proctors called on the first repher, who after three conges to the Queen propounded the questions unto the answerer. Hereupon the answerer, Mr Thomas Smith, Orator of the University, repeated the questions, which were

i * *An anima cuiusuisfit in se praestantior anima altenus ?* * (Whether the soul of one man be more excellent than the soul of another)

n * *An^ ob mundt senectam^ 'homines minus sunt heroici nunc quam ohm ?* ' (Whether, on account of the age of the world, men be less heroic now than formerly)

And so entered into his position, which continued for almost half an hour, which the Queen thought somewhat long, for when the Proctors said to the repher, in the accustomed words, * *precede magisterf* she supposing that they spoke to Mr

Smith said that he had been too long already

Upon these words Mr Gwynne first addressing himself to her Majesty to excuse his disability to speak in that honourable presence, spoke discreetly and wittily for about a quarter of an hour, and was then cut off by the Proctors After the others had spoken the argument was ended by Mr Saville, who deter-